(c) The areas identified by the Task Force include Agriculture, handloom and handicrafts, industry, tourism and travel, education and health, large infrastructure projects (roads and railways), information technology & telecommunication and Central sector/Centrally sponsored schemes.

(d) and (e) Task Force has fixed the time frame for creation of these employment opportunities as August, 2003 to August, 2005.

Child labour

3127. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labourers in the country as one the 30th June, 2003, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to constitute the National Commission on child in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Authentic information on child labour in the country is generated by the decennial census only. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in the country was 11.28 million. State-wise number of working children in the country as per 1991 census is given in the Statement (*See* below). The figures of the 2001 census have not yet been published.

(b) and (c) The proposal to set up a National Commission for children is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

State-wise distribution of working children according to 1991 census

1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,661,940
2.	Assam	327,598
3.	Bihar	942,245
4.	Gujarat	523,585
5.	Haryana	109,691
6.	Himachal Pradesh	56,438

1	2	3
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	**
8.	Karnataka	976,247
9.	Kerala	34,800
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1,352,563
11.	Maharashtra	1,068,418
12.	Manipur	16,493
13.	Meghalaya	34,633
14.	Nagaland	16,476
15.	Orissa	452,394
16.	Punjab	142,868
17.	Rajasthan	774,199
18.	Sikkim	5,598
19.	Tamil Nadu	578,889
20.	Tripura	16,478
21.	Uttar Pradesh	1,410,086
22.	West Bengal	711,691
23.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1,265
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	12,395
25.	Chandigarh	1,870
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4,416
27.	Delhi	27,351
28.	Daman and Diu	941
29.	Goa	4,656
30.	Lakshadweep	34
31.	Mizoram	16,411
32.	Pondicherry	2,680
	TOTAL	11,285,349

**Census could not be conducted.

NB: Figures for 1991 relates to workers of age group 5-14 years.